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Our Ref FOI 0004454

By Email

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

We write in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act.

I am writing to get information on how many mental health nursing staff you provide in Scottish prisons in your NHS Board area, in this case Corton Vale, Glenochil and Polmont Young Offenders prisons.

For each of the institutions I am looking for the following information for the last five years:

how many mental health nursing staff are available 9am-6pm.

Response: **Cornton Vale:** Until the transfer of women to Polmont in 2016 Cornton Vale had seven Mental Health/Learning Disability nurses covering a variety of shifts from 0700 to 2200hrs additionally, two Mental Health/Learning Disability addictions nurses covering 0700 to 1600hrs, since that time there have been six Mental Health/Learning Disability nurses plus 1.6 wte Addictions.

Glenochil: From 2014 to 2018 four Band 5 Mental Health Nurses and one Band 6 Team Leader working 0800-1600hrs Monday through to Friday.

Polmont: Staffing compliment increased to 6.8 wte Mental Health/Learning Disability nurses in 2016.

how many mental health nursing staff are available 6pm-9am

Response: Nurses across Forth Valley Prisons finish duty between 2130hr and 2145hrs; however a nurse will remain beyond this time to manage any outstanding admissions from the courts.

Cornton Vale: On average two Mental Health Nurses on the late shift one of whom will facilitate Admissions/Transfers in to custody.

Glenochil: From 2014 to 2018 four Band 5 Mental Health Nurses and one Band 6 Team Leader working 0800-1600hrs Monday through to Friday.

Polmont: A minimum of one Mental Health Nurse on the late shift to facilitate Admissions/Transfers to custody.

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how many mental health nursing staff are available on Saturday and Sunday

Response: **Cornton Vale:** Average two Mental Health Nurses from 0830 to 1800

Glenochil: Nil – not an admission prison

Polmont: Minimum of one Mental Health Nurse is part of the core staffing from 0800-1800hrs

For each year could you please specific if any mental health nursing staff have on long-term sick leave and for how long?

Response: The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Establishment	Year	No. Absent	No. Working days lost	No. Episode days lost	
Cornton Vale	2013-14	NIL data to retrieve	NIL data to retrieve	NIL data to retrieve	
	2014-15	NIL	NIL	NIL	
	2015-16	2	35 66	42 93	
	2016-17	2	21 15	29 21	
	2017-18	3	82 55 89	60 41 63	
Glenochil	2013-14	NIL data to retrieve	NIL data to retrieve	NIL data to retrieve	
	2014-15	NIL	NIL	NIL	
	2015-16	1	55	77	
	2016-17	1	42	59	
	2017-18	1	205	287	
Polmont	2013-14	NIL data to retrieve	NIL data to retrieve	NIL data to retrieve	
	2014-15	NIL	NIL	NIL	
	2015-16	4	21 46 21 29	38 97 30 39	
	2016-17	4	22.5 20.5 21 76	30 35 29 102	
	2017-18	4	21 20 30 24	30 28 49 32	

We trust this is to your satisfaction. However, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to request a review. A request for review must be made in writing to [REDACTED], Head of Information Governance, NHS Forth Valley, CSD, Colquhoun Street, Stirling, FK7 7PX or fv-uhb.freedomofinformation@nhs.net, no later than forty working days from receipt of the response. Your request must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to ask for advice, assistance or a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Please feel free to contact us should you require any further advice or assistance.

Yours sincerely

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